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GAME LAW VIOLATION COSTLY

If jail sentences and substantial fines can serve as deterrents, violations of the game laws in Missouri manifestly should be curbed, thinks the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. On one day recently five violators of the migratory-bird treaty act were arraigned in Federal court at St. Louis. One charged with hunting wild ducks after sunset was fined \$25; another for possessing killdeer, \$25; and three others for hunting ducks during the close season, \$50, \$100, and \$250, respectively, the last of whom, being without sufficient funds, was remanded to jail until the money was forthcoming. A few days later, another offender, long known as a game-law violator, in the same court entered a plea of guilty on being charged with killing and possessing wild ducks and coots during the close season. He was sentenced by the court to 30 days in jail.

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